BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED BY SCHOOL BOARD NO NEW ELEMENTARY BUILDING IN PLAN

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

Members of the Huron School District met on August 6 to discuss a new bond issue initiative. The workshop started out with Jerry Stefano of Wolgast corporation detailing the improvements that need to be made to the Huron School buildings.

Brown, Miller, Renton, and Huron High School all will require upgrades. Brown and the High School will require the most work, taking up 37percent and 36-percent of the funds respectively. Twenty percent of the expense will cover Renton's upgrades. And Miller Elementary, which needs only some minior upgrades will be only seven-psercent of the total expenditure.

Superintendent Thomas Hosler also handed out a pie chart categorizing the expenditures. The largest portion, 35-percent will go to infrastructure upgrades such as roofing, windows, and lighting. Growth of enrollment explains 23-percent of the costs.

Stefano informed administration that Wolgast used two different enroll-

ment companies who gave estimates on the District's estimated future growth. The two companies came iwthin 50 children of each other, meaning that the estimates are most likely accurate.

Another 17-percent of the proposed plan will go to technology, which will include a classroom phone system at Miller, for safety purposes, a state of the art technology and media center in the High School, and a computer lab at Renton. The total cost for technology will be 1.5 million.

Health and safety upgrades will require 13-percent of the funds. This includes lockers at Miller Elementary, which will serve as lice control. The remaining 12-percent goes to general improvements and growth of programs.

The District opted this time to eliminate the development of a new elementary building and instead make the necessary updates and additions to Miller and Brown. Therefore the bond proposal has decreased from \$25,700,000 on the last bond issue,

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TOWNSHIP TO INVESTIGATE PURCHASING LAND FOR NON-DEVELOPMENT

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

The August 9 Huron Township Board meeting might have broken the record for the Township's lengthiest Board meeting with four hours of Board discussion and public participation.

A motion by Trustee Dawnette Bowers to enter into a three-year contract with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, the Township's property insurance carrier, was passed. The contract guarantees that insurance rates will not increase more than three-percent each year.

Then Supervisor David Glaab raised dicussion on the possibility of requiring open property. The Supervisor said, "This particular tool would entail ... asking the people of Huron Township if they would be willing to support a nmileage that would genrate funds for

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the Township to purchase certain blocks of property, so that they could not be developed."

The Supervisor explained that other communities have been successful in curbing development and keeping open space by utilizing such a technique.

Treasurer Jarrod Barron responded by saying that he would be willing to look into the matter from an informational standpoint. However, Barron pointed out that he did not favor pursuing a millage for the proposed idea because of "Township facility needs at this point that take precedence."

Barron continued, "My primary concern here is asking people to raise their taxes, which are already pretty high ... for something we want, versus pursuing a mileage for something that we desperately need, which is Township facilities, such as police station, senior center, and recreation center. I'm not

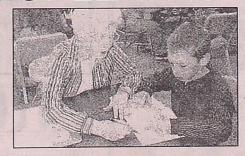
against this idea, but ultimately, I think we need to prioritize."

Later, during public time, the Supervisor asked resident Gary Bates if he would serve on a committee to investage the value of buying parcels of land for non-development. Bates agreed to the request saying, "By the time the Township gets its act together, it's gonna be too late."

The next item on the agenda was the CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

WANTED: PEOPLE WHO CARE

Would you like to make a real difference in the life of a child? Can you spare just 30 minutes a week? That is all the time it takes to be a mentor in the HOSTS programs at Brown or Miller Elementary Schools in the Huron School District. HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) is a structured one on one mentoring program designed to assist those students who are reading below grade level. The programs at both schools have been awarded the Exemplary Quality Assurance Award from the HOSTS Corporation for two years running.



During a HOSTS session a student practices his/her reading and writing skills under the guidance of a mentor. Mentors are trained by certified teachers who also prepare all lessons and materials. Students look forward to the attention a mentor provides and a bond of trust and admiration often develops. Marge Bock, a HOSTS volunteer at Brown Elementary for the past two years, summarized her experience by stating, "I really think that the mentors get as much out of this program as the students do."

For more information about the HOSTS program, or to volunteer to make a difference, call Huron's HOSTS teachers: Sharon Graham, Brown Elementary, 734-782-0331 or Denise Miller-Spicer, Miller Elementary, 734-753-5373.

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September 9 & 17

Grass Roots Nursery, 24765 Bell Rd., New Boston will hold a Water Garden Balancing Class on September 9 and a Water Garden Construction class on September 9, and a Streams and Waterfalls class on September 17. Classes start at 11 a.m. and are free.

September 10

Starting September 10, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have service at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at 9 a.m. and Wednesday evening worship at 7:30-9 p.m.

September 18

Charter Township of Huron Informational Forum 7 p.m. at Ford Training Center, 17757 Woodland Dr. (Enter off of Sibley or Pennsylvania, between I-275 and the railroad tracks).

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 782-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

VanBuren, Belleville, Sumpter Democratic Club holds it's meetings the fourth Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tues. of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

V.F.W. Post 6040 meets the third Tues. of each month at the Krzyske Center in Waltz, 7 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet sec-

ond Wed. of the month at 7:00 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Society meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Historical Comm. meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Samual Adams House at 6:30

Recycling Committee meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Senior Citizens Monthly

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: President, Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tues. noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tues., noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Barbara Krieger, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wed., 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs., 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m. Call Linda (Cricket) Thompson at 782-5190. Card party every Monday 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tues. 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call Francis at 782-2626.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Merlos and family would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes on their move to Saline. We are leaving many friends and family here in Huron Township. Our ties to the community will still be present as the Dental office will remain here in Downtown New Boston.

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by MARK CLARK

Michigan

Welcome. "Michigan Music is World-Class Music" is a grass roots movement among local musicians and fans to bring attention to the wealth of talent we have here in the Great Lake State. The following are just a few examples of our "World Class" talent. As always, send any comments to jmpclark@globalbiz.net.

Counter Clockwise

Scott Campbell, local music veteran and owner of Nebula Records says "Counter Clockwise" a compilation of mostly local artists is "in



response to a community's pain at losing its young people to suicide. Michigan talent offers their music to the world, on a special CD to help prevent further tragedies." All the proceeds from the sale of this CD benefit Common Ground Sanctuary, a 24-hour crisis intervention and prevention center with a broad range of programs and services for youths, adult and families.

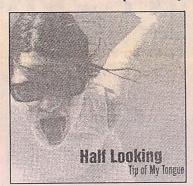
Included on the CD are music by Iggy Pop & James Williamson, Scott Campbell, Stun Gun, Jill Jack, Howling Diablos, The Articles, Hedwig and the Angry Inch (featuring vocals by Detroit native Miriam Shor) and a sterling acoustic version of "Eight Miles High" by rock legend Roger McGuinn. "Counter Clockwise" is available for \$10 at all Harmony House, Desirable Discs or Repeat the Beat locations or on-line at www.scottcampbell.net. Also, for facts about suicide or to talk to someone at Common Ground Sanctuary call their 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-237-1127. All calls are confidential.

Half Looking

question "What do you get when you mix saucy lyrics with edgy, driving melodies?" The answer he gives is Half Looking, "four women, one unique groove, with a recipe for an unforgettable fusion of folk, punk, blues and jazz."

Influenced by a wide range of artists that includes: Ani DiFranco, Patti Smith, The Allman Bros., R.E.M. and the Yellowjackets, the Lansingbased band simply describes their unique sound as "toe-tapping estrogen-infused chick rock." They take their name from the idea that "we never grasp the whole truth" and told one reporter they" want to expose us to the feelings we're missing as we robot our way through life.'

Their critically acclaimed debut album "Tip of my



Tongue" came in as "number two best release for local music in 1999" for the Lansing State Journal's yearend local music review and they were also voted as "Best New Band of 1999."

Half looking is Lisa Corbett/vocals, Hez Naylor/vocals, acoustic guitar, Holly Miller/vocals, electric



guitar Murray Stewart/backing vocals, drums. For more information go to www.halflooking.com.

The Bihlman Bros.

The music of the Bihlman Bros. can best be described as One music critic asks the a foot-stomping, raucous

blend of good times, rockin' blues. These "Blues Bros." from Traverse City are fast becoming a musical powerhouse gaining the admiration not only of blues fans, but also of some of the blues' biggest entertainers as well.

The Bihlmans, Jabo/guitar, vocals, Scot drum/percussion cite their influences as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Buddy Guy, Robben Ford and Sugar Blue in creating their "unique voice for the new blues." The Bihlmans were the house band at the Kodiak, one of the hottest blues clubs in the north and have toured/jammed with Z.Z. Top, John Mayall, Chris Duarte, CoCo Montoya and Lonnie Brooks. Big City Blues magazine said" The Bihlman Bros. High energy live shows have a tendency to work an audience into a frenzy."

The Bihlmans have just released their new CD; The 12-track "Sweet Tooth" on Steel Head Records. Blues critic Karen McFarland raves "one listen and you'll want to plan a party just to play these tunes and trade your walkin' shoes for the dancing variety." It's a great CD and a must have for fans of contemporary

blues. For more information to go www.bihlmanbros.com.

Roxanne

Roxanne Anne is (vocals/guitar) and Rod Capps (guitar/bass) a husband and wife duo from Ann Arbor.

They describe their sound as alternative infused folk acoustic rock.

Anne and Rod are also a part of Foolish Mortals, an alternative rock cover band

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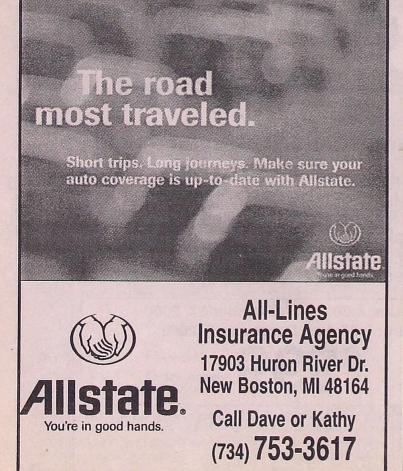
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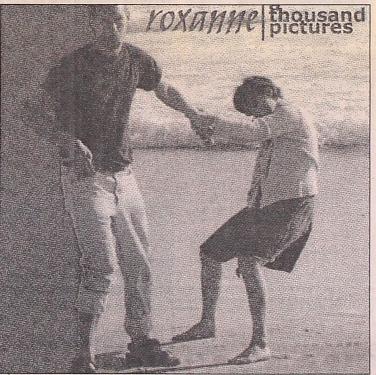
You may have noticed that downtown Romulus is sporting some new flowers at the intersection of Goddard and Shook Roads. The flowers were planted on September 5, 2000 by a group of volunteerrs who wanted to spruce things up in anticipation of the Parade of Lights and the Pumpkin Festival.

The beautiful mums, gener-

ously donated by the Block family and Block's Produce, were installed in their new home by volunteers Jerilynn Burcroff, Connee Morris, Mary Oakley and Mike and Midge Prybyla.

The new landscaping isn't the only reminder of the upcoming festival. Signs have sprung up all over Romulus announcing the Third Annual Pumpkin Festival, which begins on Friday, September 15, 2000 and runs through Sunday, September 17. The festival will again by "kicked off" this year by the Parade of Lights, which will run through downtown Romulus on Friday, beginning at 8:15 p.m. from the City Halkl parking lot. Come early and enjoy the prade as Romulus sparkles!

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The C.Y.B.O.R.G.S.

youth club will now be accepting applications for new members.

THE NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS ARE LIMITED!

The club is open to Huron Township residents ages 8-13 and is free of charge.

Applications are available at the township offices in New Boston.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS

The dates on the schedule for Sept.-Dec. are incorrect. Pleasecorrect them on your calendar for the second Thursday of each month.

and since 1995 both bands have performed at an impressive list of venues/clubs throughout the Midwest.

Roxanne has just released their debut CD "A Thousand Pictures" which the Capps' describe as their labor of love. Featuring 11 cool tunes, everything seems to fall into place, with outstanding lyrics, musicianship and production. The music critic at www.michiganartist.com says "The production alone is worth the price of the CD. The acoustic guitar on this album couldn't sound any better if you climbed inside of it." "A Thousand Pictures" was also nominated fora 2000 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording. For more information about Anne and Rod go to www.maynardmusic.com.

MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

Huron Township Chamber of Commerce presents "Meet The

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BUICK OPEN

by KIMBERLY BLAKER

With TIger Woods playing at this year's Buick Open, the event has been the talk of Southeast Michigan for adults and kids alike. On Tuesday,



August 8, the big question was, "Will Tiger Woods show up today?" However, the Buick Open did a great job keeping kids entertained even without the star attraction present.

At 1 p.m., the Kids Golf Clinic kicked off as the emcee introduced Steve Elkington to the crowd of approximately 1,000 kids and their parents. Elkington, an Australian native and 1995 PGA winner, started out, "I'm trying to figure out who's bigger, Santa Claus or Tiger Woods. Probably Tiger Woods." And the kids didn't seem to disagree with his response.

Elkington proceeded to introduce the winners of the Flint Junior Golf Association, handing them their trophies, and recognized Grand Blanc High School's girl's golf team for winning the state championship for Michigan.

Then Elkington, in his Australian accent, proceeded to give the kids golf pointers, showing them how to swing a club. He explained to the kids, "The great thing about golf is, I'm a better player than gypsy [Elkington's caddy], but I can still play with him, with his handicap."

pro-golfer Justin Leonard crossed the fairway, there was plenty of laughter as Elkington attempted to hit several balls into the Leonard's

Charlie's Angels, was intro-duced to the crowd. Ladd, who is Buick's golf ambassador, has helped with the instruction of the union golfers for the last two years. She revealed the importance of taking professional golf lessons by explain-

ing, "When I started playing golf in 1984, I made a mistake. I went out and just started playing." Ladd said that later when she decided to take lessons, she had to unlearn all the mistakes that she was making and relearn the proper techniques.

Finally, to top off the show, Mulley the Clown came out and gave the kids lots of good tips. Showing them how to select the correct length of club, he demonstrated the importance of length by swinging with a seven-foot club. Then explaining the club's flex, he whacked a ball with a rubber club that flexed to nearly a 90-degree angle.

Mulley explained to the kids, the way you hold a club is to "act like you're shaking hands with the club." His antics kept the kids thoroughly engrossed, especially as kids from the audience were invited



with the demonstration and were given golf balls prizes.

At the end of the event, all kids were given

bag of Buick souvenirs to take home that included caps and tshirts. Then they were invited to hang around and practice the techniques they had learned on a variety of practice

Of course, what everyone was hoping for was a surprise visit from Tiger Woods. Nevertheless, the kid's clinic was quite a success and will most certainly give kids a reason to return to the Buick Open in years to come.



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Decisions, decisions. What to do? Ask others for opinions but don't take seriously. All favor own needs. Enjoy warm weather while sun shines. Cold days ahead. Keep heart warm. Lucky #622.

Relax. You have four months of football ahead of you. Hand on control button to make necessary changes. Watch others, young and old. All do best to please you. You alone can please yourself. Lucky #714.

Eyes on you as all wonder what you are up to. Others know but can't tell. Best secrets, best kept secret. The pressure is on to work harder. Ask for day off now? Lucky

Caught like a kid with hand in cookie jar. Smile says it all. Others watching you eat that cookie. Don't make it "crow." Try a donut instead. Hmmm. Add coffee, perfect. Lucky

Too many questions, all the same answer. Unnecessary dogs need chain. You feel like part of a computer but are unable to make "exit" key work. Some days "enter" not working. Oh! Plug it in! Lucky

New in-laws, new grandchildren. Sounds like time to start Christmas shopping. Send special package south. Rely on others for help? Not likely. All talk and no action.

What is lost will be found. Lucky #223.

Clean out flower beds. Plant fall bulbs to feed moles. Watch as others fumble through day after day. Hopefully not favorite team. Remove evidence of "foul" activities from purse or wallet. Lucky #031.

Time to let others live their own life. You can't control it all. Learn lessons now or may never find happiness. Trips to dentist and doctor may prove painful but necessary. Say ahh! Lucky #123.

Gemini

What's in a sign? Especially if you are a twin. Fighting with self again. Who won? Who lost? Time to throw in the towel? Little ones at your side.

William Grover

Where did they come from? Lucky #904.

Last come first or is it first comes last. Hope no money down on that one. Fall colors begin and you are not ready to put away summer toys. Do as spouse requests. Do as children ask. Relax later. Lucky #615.

Leo July 24 - August 23

What's in a name? Can say it all especially if it's yours. Vision of future unclear. Ask one who knows. Watch out for injuries to fingers and toes. May be painful. Lucky #024.

*For entertainment purpos-



Margaret O'Kelley

Pop up! Pop up! Pop up! Instead of Pop up videos like MTV, Huron Township has pop up candidates.

One candidate loses in the Primary and then pops up again to declare himself a write-in for the general election. The other pop up write-in candidate didn't even bother to run in the primary. He sure saved himself a bundle of money.

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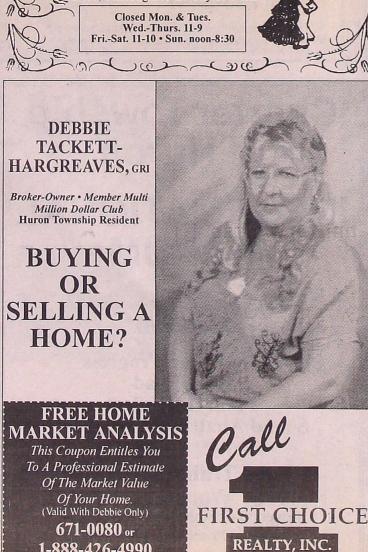
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which was voted down, to only \$20,800,000 this time around.

There was also some discussion of when the vote should take place. Although it has not been confirmed, February seemed to be the consensus of those in attendance. If the bond does pass, construction will not begin until 2002.

Treasurer Carol Miles explained that currently the District's debt mills are at 2.87. According to a tentative bonding timetable, submitted by Erickson & Associates Limited, if there is no bond initiative the mils will remain between 2.45 and 3.25 for the next 19 years. With the proposed bond, although the mils will start at 6.52, the average over the 30-year life of the bond would be only 2.64.

Some of the other improve-

ments that will be made throughout the District include parking expansion for both the High School and Miller, new exterior doors on all the buildings, and electrical and mechanical upgrades in most of the buildings.

Miller is also in need of modest playground equipment, acoustical upgrades and space for an art room. Brown will require a new, pitched roof, a music and art room, an addition for multipurpose dining space, and 10 new classrooms.

Renton is in need of a new storage addition and modest carpeting for the library, office, and teacher's workroom. The High School's updates will include renovating the cafeteria with a new kitchen, new windows, and remodeling all restrooms to comply with the Americans

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budget. Trustee Township John McKinney started out by expressing his concern with the budget process. McKinney questioned Karen Carney, Administrative Financial Assistant, about the increase in salaries and hospitalization in the Supervisor's office.

Carney explained that insurance rates aren't known until after the hearing takes place. She also said that the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk all get a percentage of the Judge's increase.

McKinney argued, however, saying that form of increase had been previously rescinded by the Board. The Supervisor disagreed with McKinney saying that was not exactly what happened.

McKinney questioned a number of other budget items as well. He expressed concern that after the budget had been approved, there have been a number of increases in expenditures. He remarked, "I think a budget should be more than just a bunch of wild guesses."

However, Barron explained

that sometimes the Board approves things without determining how it will affect the budget. For various reasons, the Board chooses not to table such requests. "I think the larger issue here isn't necessarily the budget itself, but rather our practices as a Board when we are approving or expenditures...," denying explained Barron.

The motion to approve the budget amendments was finally approved with McKinney opposing the decision.

In other business:

- · Lieutenant John Meyers was appointed Interim Chief of Police, retaining his normal
- · The requirement of a presite inspection was approved, at the request of the Director of Planning and Zoning.
- · During public participation, Rita Hart commented, "Miss Meyers has done more in the last five weeks to bring things to the Board's attention and the community's attention than I've seen in the last 17

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The total cost of the project comes to \$22,117,207, while the bond issue would be for only \$20,800,000. This is a mere drop in the bucket in

comparison to the bonds that many surrounding communities have recently approved. Milan recently approved \$50 million and Romulus \$34.2 million. The last time a bond

issue passed in Huron Township was 1975. In contrast, 12 communities surrounding Huron have passed bonds within the last eight

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